of the bronzes is curious. Upon the whole it is a delightful, costly *vide bouteille*.

It is a curious thing that, by a very lucky hit, Matthieu Lansberg, the conjurer, almanac-maker of Liege, foretold Madame du Barri's fate, under the month of May, 1774. He said : " Une grande favorite jouera son dernier role." The almanac at the preceding Christmas was denied a license on that account and was obliged to be altered before its sale was authorised at Paris. Louis Quinze died May 10th, and Madame du Barri was sent about her business.

6th. Dined at the Val; Mesdames de Boisgelin and d'Usson, the Princess de Poix, &c« All at Court are in a bustle because the parliament of Paris will not hear of new taxes till the King lays before them a state of his debts and expenses, that they may be convinced of the necessity of fresh impositions. Calonne, who has fled to Rotterdam, has written to the King that he is gone off to have liberty to prepare for his defence, as the Archbishop of Toulouse is doing all he can to deprive him of the means of justifying himself.

igth. At the Chambre des Comptes the other day, where the Count d'Artois went to enregister by force the *edit du timbre et de l'impot*